

has rehabilitated thousands of schools. We're training thousands of secondary school teachers in modern teaching methods. Electric power is being restored, despite continued attacks, and is no longer distributed based on loyalty to Saddam Hussein. Iraqi oil revenues have now reached more than \$11 billion since liberation. And as Prime Minister Alawi pointed out last week, those revenues are not being used to build gaudy palaces for Saddam Hussein; they're being used to serve the Iraqi people.

With each step forward on the path to self-government and self-reliance, the terrorists will grow more desperate and more violent. They see Iraqis taking their country back. They see freedom taking root, and these killers know they have no future in a free Iraq. They want us to abandon our mission. That's what they want. They want us to break our word. And so they're attacking us, and they're attacking free Iraqis. They don't understand our country. They don't understand our resolve. When America says we'll do something, we are going to do it and finish the job.

We're not intimidated, and neither is the new Iraqi Prime Minister. He went to the scene of yesterday's bombing in Baghdad. He stood amongst the rubble. He said, "This was a cowardly attack." He said, "We're going to face these escalations. The Iraqi people are going to prevail, and the government of Iraq is determined to go ahead in confronting the enemies, whether they are here in Iraq or anywhere else in the world." That's what the Prime Minister of Iraq said. He and I share the same determination.

You see, these terrorists will fail. They will fail because the Iraqi people will not accept a return to tyranny. They will fail because the resolve of America and our allies will not be shaken. And they will fail because of the courageous men and women like you who are standing in their way.

All who serve in the United States military can take great pride in the work you've accomplished. Your fellow citizens know your work is not easy. The days are hot. The mission is hard work. Many of you face long deployments, sometimes longer than you expected. You've missed your families, and believe me, they miss you. You've said farewell

to brave friends who did not return. We pray for their families. We pray that the good Lord will comfort them in their grief. Our Nation will never forget their sacrifice and their service.

All of you are sacrificing for the cause of this country, and America has needed that sacrifice. By standing for the cause of freedom, you're making our world more peaceful. By fighting terrorists abroad, you're making the American people more secure at home. And by acting in the best traditions of duty and honor, you're making our country and your Commander in Chief very proud.

May God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:10 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. James M. Collins, USA, deputy commanding general, 1st Corps and Fort Lewis; President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan; President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr and Prime Minister Ayad al-Alawi of the Iraqi interim government; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi and his lieutenant Umar Baziyani, who was captured in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 30; and Brig. Gen. Carter F. Ham, USA, commander, Task Force Olympia.

Remarks on Departure From Seattle, Washington

June 18, 2004

Murder of Paul Johnson in Saudi Arabia

I want to express my deepest condolences to the family of Paul Johnson. We send our prayers and sympathies to them during this very troubling time.

The murder of Paul shows the evil nature of the enemy we face. These are barbaric people. There's no justification whatsoever for his murder, and yet they killed him in cold blood. And it should remind us that we must pursue these people and bring them to justice before they hurt other Americans. See, they're trying to intimidate America. They're trying to shake our will. They're trying to get us to retreat from the world. America will not retreat. America will not be intimidated by these kinds of extremist thugs.

May God bless Paul Johnson. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:54 p.m. at Boeing Field/King County International Airport. In his remarks, he referred to Paul Johnson, a U.S.

citizen employed in Saudi Arabia who was killed by members of the Al Qaida terrorist organization earlier in the day. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

June 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Houston, TX. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, and mudslides beginning on May 26 and continuing.

June 13

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 18–31.

June 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Kansas City, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Ruth Blake. Later, he traveled to Liberty, MO.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol D'Amico to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Education Sciences.

June 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. Later, in the Residence, he and President Karzai dropped by a meeting of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Kenneth R. Feinberg, Special Master, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 24 and continuing.

June 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tampa, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in a roundtable interview with journalists from publications of veterans service organizations. Upon arrival in Tampa, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer M. Sgt. Gina Carnesecchi, USAF.

In the afternoon, at MacDill Air Force Base, the President participated in a briefing with military personnel from the U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command. He then met with family members of soldiers killed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.